

## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 6-7, 11-21, and 25-26 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-27 are now presented for examination. The following remarks are in response to the final Office Action mailed on April 4, 2005, and a teleconference with the Examiner on August 22, 2005.

### 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Claims 1, 6, 8-11, 18-21 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Pauls, U.S. Patent No. 5,983,382 ("Pauls"), in view of Gerendai et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,629,285. ("Gerendai").

Claims 1, 11 and 21 have been amended in light of the Examiner's remarks during a teleconference on August 22, 2005. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 11 and 21 are in proper condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 11 and 21 and their dependent claims be withdrawn.

Claims 2-3, 5, 7, 12-13, 15, 17, 22 and 25-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over ("Pauls"), in view of ("Gerendai") in view of Luby U.S. Patent No. 6,307,487 ("Luby").

With regard to claims 2-3, 5, 7, 12-13, 15, 17, 22 and 25-26, they depend from one of independent claims 1, 11 and 21 and thus, include the limitations of the independent claim from which they depend. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-3, 5, 7, 12-13, 15, 17, 22 and 25-26.

Claims 4, 14 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Pauls, in view of Gerendai, Luby, and in further view of Brown, U.S. Patent No. 6,366,622. ("Brown").

With regard to claims 4, 14 and 23, they depend from one of independent claims 1, 11 and 21 and thus, include the limitations of the independent claim from which they depend. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4, 14 and 23.

### **Conclusion**

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.



### **Invitation for a Telephone Interview**

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

### **Request for an Extension of Time**

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.


### **Charge our Deposit Account**

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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